

Calvary Comment

Calvary Lutheran Church San Angelo, Texas

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*Pastor Paul & Phyllis
Zwarich*

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Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus rose victorious on the third day and before He ascended, He instructed His Church saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Jesus has defeated our enemies: sin, death, and the devil. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. It's true. All authority belongs to Jesus and eventually every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord. Philippians 2:10-11

But Jesus does not rule His Church as a dictator. Nor does Jesus instruct His followers to destroy their enemies. Instead, Jesus calls us to make disciples. Conversion is His goal. The gift of salvation is meant for everyone.

God loves the world. And God gives the Church tools of His love: His Word, Baptism and Holy Communion. The Holy Spirit works through these gifts so that we can make disciples of all nations. And the Lord promises "I am with you always to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:20

The same power of God which raised Jesus from the dead is still working to create faith, give new life, and to make disciples of all nations.

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor Paul



May 22nd
Semi-annual Congregational Meeting
immediately following the service



Linda Ortegon
Council Secretary

Calvary Lutheran Church *Council Meeting*

March, 2022

The “Zoom” meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on the 14th day of March by the Council President Joyce O’Connell. Pastor Paul gave the devotion from Romans. If we hope for what we do not see we wait for it with patience. When the present seems uncertain it’s sometimes difficult to maintain hope. But thanks be to God, the spirit helps us in our weakness and the spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. This ever present spirit reminds us of God’s mighty deeds through Christ. It enlightens our hearts with faith. The spirit helps us experience the present day with patience, gratitude and faithful living. Let us pray.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joyce O’Connell, Ann Helm, Chris Kinsey, Linda Ortegon, Dorothy St. Germain, Leon Thane, John Ulrich, Heidi Wierzowiecki, Marie Williams and Pastor Paul Zwarich.

MINUTES: Joyce motion to accept the February 21, 2022 Calvary Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes. Chris Kinsey motioned to accept the minutes as submitted. Ann second the motion. The council approved the February Calvary Lutheran Church Council Minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT: John Ulrich. The February’s 2022 Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT: Leon Thane. The Financial Secretary’s February 2022 Report was accepted as presented. Pastor wanted to point out during last Wednesday’s Lenten Service we had 52 on-line views.

CORE TEAM REPORTS

Education: Heidi Wierzowiecki. We held our first Children’s Sunday school class and had a good turnout. Fellowship: Dorothy St. Germain. Easter Sunday is coming up. We will have a brunch after early sunrise service and a Children’s Easter egg hunt.

Service and Justice: Marie Williams. Marie reported \$1824.00 dollars was given to good gifts which included \$1520.00 for a water well. We also give bibles, school supplies.

Worship: Bee Rose. Absent. Joyce reported that Bee asked her to thank Pastor and Marie for helping select hymns.

Evangelism: Ann Helm. Ann Helm introduced our guests. Deacon Gary Sanford, who is the Director of United Campus Ministries at ASU and John Caldwell who is the President of United Campus Ministries at ASU. Each guest gave a little background on themselves and history on United Campus Ministries at ASU. Deacon Sanford said United Campus Ministries is non-domination. UCM allows the students to ask questions and not to feel judged. They do have a bible study every other week. They try to do a worship service once a week or at least once a month. The biggest outreach program right now is the “Free Lunch” on Monday’s. Before COVID UCM feed 40 to 60 students a week. UCM’s main goal is to share information. During final’s week the UCM Center is open 24/7 so the student can come to study for that final exam. It gives the student a save quiet place to study. There is no membership fee for the student. The student advisory board is made of UCM students. The students give their input on what they would like to accomplish, then that information is given to Board of Trustees for approval. There is no set monetary domination for Calvary Lutheran to rejoin the board. John Caldwell concluded by saying, the board meets once a month. All the different groups participate in the providing the weekly meals. John said it’s very rewarding to get feedback from students saying they found a home at UCM. Place to be themselves. In closing John said he would like very much to see the Lutherans back on the board of trustees.

Pastor’s Report: The pastor went over his February Report. Please refer to the Pastor’s Report for details.

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Council News Continued

NEW BUSINESS

Council Structure - Committee Nominations – Ann and Chris submitted two names of individuals that may be interested in being a nominee for Service and Justice. Ann also suggested the name of an individual to serve on Evangelism. Joyce will reach out to those individuals. Semi-annual Congregation Meeting. Joyce said our semi-annual congregation meeting needs to be moved out to May 22nd. Marie made a motion to move the semi-annual congregation meeting to Sunday May 22, 2022. John second the motion.

United Campus Ministries at ASU - Ann made a motion to rejoin the United Campus Ministries at ASU and to have four of our members serve on the Board as Trustees. Chris second the motion. The council approved. Pastor Paul said the following members would like to serve on the UCM board of trustees, Mark Mitchell, Ann Helm and Joyce O'Connell.

Mid-Week Lenten Offerings- Ann made a motion to designate our Lenten Offerings go to UCM at ASU.

Linda second the motion. The council approved.

Easter Sunday Services - Pastor Paul said Sunrise Service will be at 7:00am. A meal and Easter Egg Hunt instead of Sunday school will be provided.

Faithful Innovations - Faithful Innovations will meet on April 23 and Calvary will provide lunch. Joyce will have Jimmy Johns catered sandwiches.

OLD BUSINESS

Housing for our Counselors – Marie said someone will confirm those dates and get back to her.

Communications. We received a letter from Salvation Army for \$136.00 donation for 2021. Two stubs for \$45 and \$25.00 to Project Dignidad.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Linda Ortegon

Council Secretary

Worship Assistants & Altar Guild You are welcome to sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex, call the office or contact Bee Rose.						
DATE	Greeter	AM	Reader	Flowers	Technology	Altar Guild
May 1 3 Easter		Joyce O'Connell	Valerie Bluthardt	Dorothy & Lou St. Germain	John Ulrich Pedro Montanez	Valerie Bluthardt
May 8 4 Easter		Bee Rose	Phyllis Zwarich	Valerie & Bob Bluthardt		
May 15 5 Easter				Al & Rosa Lee King		
May 22 6 Easter			Bee Rose			
May 29 7 Easter		Joyce O'Connell	Valerie Bluthardt	Bee & Hank Rose		



Marie Williams
Team Leader

Service & Justice

Joint Activity for Parish Education and Service and Justice Committees

We are preparing for Day Camp from June 20 through 24. We need help in the kitchen to prep, serve and clean-up snacks as well as help with lunch. The campers will be

bringing a sack lunch as usual. We will need members to help with the lunches and dinners for the camp counselors either by cooking it or donating money toward it. We will only serve water as our drinks. Linda and Emanuel Ortegon have graciously agreed to house the counselors and provide them breakfast. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex starting in mid-May. Please sign-up. Some items we need for snacks are: apples, Cheez Itz, peanut butter crackers, pretzels, animal crackers, cheese crackers, crackerjacks, string cheese, and freeze pops.

We served 248 meals at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on April 15, 2022. Thanks to all who participated!



Ten Easter Baskets along with several boxes of food were delivered to Project Dignidad on April 12, 2022. Thank you for those who provided the baskets and the extra food!

Calvary Lutheran Church's
75 anniversary
will be celebrated with
a service & a meal on
Sunday, October 16, 2022.



Anniversary committee
Pastor Paul Zwarich
Leon Thane
Betty Thane
Joyce O'Connell
Dorothy St. Germain
Pam Ulrich



5	John Fiveash
12	Janette Dailey
13	Jude Hahn
16	Riley Scott
18	Crystal Purington
27	Tyler Hahn
28	Jane Derby

Answers from page 5.

1. B) Og See numbers 21:33
2. A) Jezabel See Kings 16:31
3. B) Three. Jesus raised three people from the dead. He raised the son of a widow from Nain when he encountered his funeral procession. Then he raised the 12 year-old daughter of Jairus. And finally he raised his friend Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha. See Luke 7:11-15, 8:41-56; Matthew 9:18-25, Mark 5:21-42; and John 11:1-44.



Bee Rose
Team Leader

Worship

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah!

Please consider volunteering for worship assistance positions as Assisting minister, Reader, Alter Guild, or Acolyte. We haven't had any new volunteers in at least a year now. Please get involved with your church.

Points to Ponder

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" Proverbs 9:10. The word "fear" in this sense does not mean "afraid," as if we were left cowering in the fetal position, terrified that we are going to hell or that we are at the mercy of a capricious and vengeful God. The original hearers would have understood the phrase "the fear of the Lord" to mean holding a deep reverence, respect, love, and willingness to follow God's guidance. Holy Wisdom is generous, welcoming, and persistent. All are welcome. There are no prerequisite classes to take, no degrees, no income verification. Just enter! You have a place at the table. Together, we can consider our faithful response to Wisdom's invitation.

This message is excerpted from the Bible study "Just L.I.F.E (Liberation is for Everyone!)" by Angela Khabeb in the June 2021 Gather mag.

The Joy of the Lord

At first glance, it might appear that happiness and joy are synonymous, but our sacred texts teach us otherwise. For example, the prophet Nehemiah proclaims, "the joy of the Lord" – rather than the happiness – "is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Happiness is directly connected to what is happening around us. Happiness is fleeting, temporal. Joy, however, is everlasting. The joy that is found in God's presence does not fade away. Happiness resides on the mountain top and rarely forsakes its inviting vista to venture into the valley. Joy, however, will travel with you through the valley of

the shadow of death and stay there with you, no matter what. Sometimes we only recognize the deeply rooted joy of the Spirit in hindsight. Thankfully, joy is not contingent upon our understanding. In fact, joy has very little to do with us. St. Paul explains that joy is a fruit of the spirit. It is God's gift to us.

This message is excerpted from "Midnight Joy" by Angela Khabeb in the November 2019 Gather mag.

Questions: answers on page 4.

1. Who was the king of Bashan?

- A. Hosea
- B. Og
- C. Josiah
- D. Tibni

2. Which woman was Zidonian?

- A. Jezebel
- B. Deborah
- C. Hagar
- D. Delilah

3. How many people did Jesus raise from the dead?

- A. One
- B. Three
- C. Four
- D. Eight

**Go with God,
Bee Rose**



More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



Dorothy St. Germain
Team Leader

Fellowship

**Sunday,
May 8th**

Mother's Day is an opportunity to remember those who have blessed our lives in so many ways. Phone calls, visits, cards, letters, emails are just a few ways to let them know how much they mean to you and to say thank you.

A special flower cross will be in the sanctuary at church May 8th. Bring a flower to decorate it in honor or in memory of a loved one.



Central High School Sophomore is named
Texas Military Youth of the Year.

San Angelo ISD and Central High School are proud to announce that sophomore **Myshae Allen** has been named the Boys and Girls Club of America Texas Military Youth of the Year for going above and beyond in academics, character, leadership, and community service. Myshae is the first San Angelo ISD and Goodfellow Air Force Base student to receive this distinct honor and was selected over thousands of students from across Texas. Myshae will go on to compete in the Southwest regional competitions in Dallas, Texas this June. Myshae is the son of San Angelo Air Force veteran Master Sgt. (retired) and current San Jacinto Elementary music teacher, James Allen and Calvary's organist, Grace Allen.



CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Congratulations to those graduating in May 2022! May God bless and guide you as you begin a new chapter in your life.

On May 29th, Calvary will recognize & celebrate

Atre Allen as he graduates from Central High School.

Atre is the son of LaMont & Grace Allen.



**From Mr. Rogers to
Graduates - and to us all...**

Our world hangs like a magnificent jewel in the vastness of space. Every one of us is a part of that jewel, a facet of that jewel, and in the perspective of infinity, our differences are infinitesimal. We are intimately related. May we never even pretend that we are not... Deep down, we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then.

Roman philosopher Boethius wrote this sentence: "Oh happy race of mortals if your hearts are ruled, as is the universe, by love." ... There is a deep part of you that allows you to stand for those things without which human-kind cannot survive: love that conquers hate, peace that rises triumphant over war, and justice that proves more powerful than greed. So in all that you do, in all of your life, I wish you the strength and the grace to make those choices which will allow you -- and your neighbor -- to become the best of whoever you are.

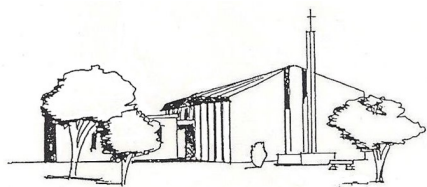
—Fred McFeely Rogers, 2002



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship		AA group 5:30pm Bible Study/Zoom 7pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Mother's Day</i>	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Council 6:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Bible Study/Zoom 7pm We will resume after summer break.	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	Men's Breakfast Bible study
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm Soup Kitchen 9:30-1 Newsletter deadline	Armed Forces Day
Pastor on vacation 15th-21st						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:45 Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service Noisy Bucket <i>Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting following service.</i>	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off	AA group 5:30pm	Women's Bible Study 6:30pm In-person & Zoom	AA group 5:30pm	AA group 5:30pm	
29	30	31				
8:45am Adult bible study & Sunday School 10am Worship Service <i>Graduate's Sunday</i>	AA group 5:30pm Pastor's Day Off Memorial Day	AA group 5:30pm				

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CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*



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within and beyond
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Calvary Lutheran Church

We strive to recognize and nurture the Christ in ourselves and each person that we encounter along the way. Our church is a thriving community of believers and lovers of the word of God. Calvary Lutheran has a long tradition of outreach and service to its members and the community. We hope you will join us for service on Sunday to experience for yourself the fellowship of Christ.